

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

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Alexander Rodriguez,

Plaintiff,

V.

Unicity International, Inc.

Defendant.

Case No. 2:25-cv-00754-GMN-BNW

ORDER

10 Plaintiff filed an amended complaint alleging, *inter alia*, employment discrimination by
11 Defendant. ECF No. 16. Magistrate Judge Koppe, who was then assigned as the Early Neutral
12 Evaluation (ENE) judge, scheduled the ENE for September 2, 2025. LR 16-6(a); ECF No. 13.
13 The ENE was continued from September 2, 2025, to September 8, 2025. ECF No. 19. On July 16,
14 2025, a notice of related cases was filed. ECF No. 20. In turn, Judge Koppe became both the
15 assigned Magistrate Judge and the evaluating Judge in this case. ECF No. 21. In keeping with the
16 rationale behind the local rules, the matter was reassigned to the undersigned Magistrate Judge to
17 conduct the ENE. On July 25, 2025, the undersigned set the ENE for October 22, 2025. ECF No.
18 29.

19 Plaintiff's counsel now seeks to continue the ENE explaining that "despite diligent efforts
20 to locate and communicate with Plaintiff in preparation for the ENE, Plaintiff's counsel has been
21 unable to establish contact to meaningfully prepare for participation in the ENE." ECF No. 36. In
22 turn, she requests that the ENE be continued for 30 days. *Id.* Defendant opposes the request. ECF
23 No. 37.

24 Unless good cause is shown, the evaluation must take place 90 days after the first
25 responding party appears in the case. LR 16-6(d). By all accounts, it appears that (at least as of
26 late) Plaintiff has not been in communication with his counsel. This does not constitute good
27 cause to continue the ENE. This Court agrees with Defendant that “Plaintiff initiated this action

1 and has an obligation to participate in the process." As a result, the motion is denied. Should
2 Plaintiff fail to appear, then the Court will determine what further action is appropriate.

3 **IT IS ORDERED** that Plaintiff's motion to continue the ENE (ECF No. 36) is **DENIED**.

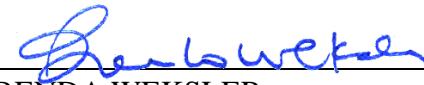
4 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that counsel for Plaintiff shall file a status report no later
5 than October 21, 2025, by noon stating whether she has been able to contact her client.

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7 DATED: October 17, 2025

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BRENDA WEKSLER
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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